

Box No. 3 2143.

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Application of Widow for Increase of Pension Under Act of July 25, 1866.

STATE OF New York  
COUNTY OF Steuben } ss.

On this 5 day of March, A. D., 1867, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of a Court of Record, in and for the County of Steuben, in the State of New York, aged 53 years, a resident of Colchester in the County of Steuben and State of New York, and whose post-office address is Colchester, in the County and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Commander's Pension Agency, at the rate of \$ 8 per month, by reason of the service and death, while in the United States service, of her husband, Benjamin Wise who was a Private in Company I, 161 Regiment of N.Y.S. Vol.

That the following is a correct list of the names, dates of birth, and residence of all the children of her said deceased husband, who were under the age of sixteen years at the time of the death of her said husband, and who are now living, viz.:

Walter C., born 10 June 1853, living at with her mother  
born 18, living at with her mother  
August, born 18, living at with her mother  
James B., born 29 July 1855, living at with her mother  
Mary C., born 3 April 1858, living at with her mother  
10 April 1860 living at with her mother

She therefore claims an increase of pension to the amount of \$ 2 per month, under section two of Supplementary Pension act of July 25th, 1866. for each child

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Husband Benjamin Wise, and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints NORMAN B. SMITH, of Washington, D. C., as her lawful attorneys, and authorizes them to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for the certificate that may be issued in satisfaction thereof.

Witnesses:

A. J. Wise  
E. J. Wise

Roxey & Wise  
(Signature of Claimant.)  
mark

Also personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid, Andrew J. Wise of Bath, N.Y., and Electa J. Wise of Bath, N.Y. whom I certify to be credible persons, who, being duly sworn according to law, declare, each for himself, that they well know Roxey Wise, who signed the foregoing declaration in their presence; and that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that the statement made by her in said declaration, in regard to the children of her deceased husband, is verily believed by them to be true in every particular. They further swear that they, or either of them, have no interest in this claim, either present or prospective, and that they are not concerned, directly or indirectly, in its prosecution.

Signatures of Witnesses.

A. J. Wise  
E. J. Wise

STATE OF New York  
COUNTY OF Steuben } ss.

Before me, on this 5 day of March, A. D. 1867, personally appeared the above named Roxey Wise applicant, and Andrew J. Wise and

If the witnesses, and claimant, or either of them, make their mark, let two persons who can write their names attest the signatures. The Officer administering the oath cannot be one of the attesting parties.

Notary Public

*Electa J. Rice*

her witnesses, all of whom are to me well known, and subscribed and made oath in due form of law to their respective statements and declarations. And I hereby certify that I am not interested in this claim nor concerned in its prosecution; that the witnesses are credible; that the claimant is the identical person she represents herself to be, and also that she is of reputed loyalty. That both the Declaration and Affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they signed the same.

*done in open Court this day of*

Official Signature,

*A. A. Mur Osedale*  
*A. A. Mur Osedale*

### INSTRUCTIONS.

This declaration must be made before a Court of Record, or some officer of such a court duly authorized to administer oaths and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

The seal should be impressed on the original paper, either direct or through the paper.

Revenue Stamps are not required on any paper relating to Soldiers' or Seamen's Claims, except for Prize Money.



*No. 58.618.*

WIDOW'S APPLICATION.

FOR

INCREASE OF PENSION.

UNDER ACT JULY 25, 1866.

*Rosey Rice widow of*  
*Benjamin Rice, Co. D*  
*164<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Vols.*

*Washington*-----186

*Respectfully referred to the Hon. Com.*  
*missioner of Pensions.*

NORMAN B. SMITH,  
ATTORNEY,

No. 476 7th Street, Washington, D. C.

CHAS. & WYMAN, Printers & Stationers, Washington, D. C.

CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

BRIEF in the case of Roxey Will, Widow of

Benjamin Will  
Private Co. I. 161. N.Y. Volunteers.

resident of Steuven County and State of N.Y.

Post Office address Cohoclon, Steuben Co. N.Y.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service.

Ats. reports = Enrolled 21 Sept 1862  
Mustered into service same date

Death.

"Killed in action at Sabine Cross Roads, La. April 8, 1864"

Surg. of said Regt. reports,  
Soldier reported killed in Battle at  
Manfield, near Pleasant Hill La. April 8, 64.  
That he was left on the field, of which  
the enemy had possession - and his  
Comrades believe he died a hero

Marriage.

Benjamin Will and Roxey Rager.  
married Sept 7, 1844, in Church  
or public Record - Clergyman who married  
parties, dead - Two eye witnesses -

Names and dates of birth of children.

<u>Wpaethy -</u>	<u>born -</u>	<u>12 -</u>	<u>June -</u>	<u>1853</u>
<u>Jackson -</u>	<u>" -</u>	<u>28 -</u>	<u>July -</u>	<u>1853 -</u>
<u>James -</u>	<u>" -</u>	<u>3 -</u>	<u>April -</u>	<u>1858</u>
<u>Mary -</u>	<u>" -</u>	<u>10 -</u>	<u>April -</u>	<u>1860</u>
<u>Nathan -</u>	<u>" -</u>	<u>10 -</u>	<u>Feb -</u>	<u>1849.</u>

Loyalty.

Declared

Agent and his P. O. address.

None

Admitted Oct 27, 1865, to a Pension of \$ 8.00 per month,  
commencing April 8, 1864

Appd.

N. S. H.

John D. Wilson, Examining Clerk.

# APPLICATION FOR ARREARS OF PENSION.

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS:

I Roscy Wise Widow of Benjamin Wise late  
Private of Co. 2<sup>d</sup> 161 N.Y. S. Vol.  
(If widow or dependent relative, give name of soldier.)  
a pensioner under pension certificate No. 58.618 <sup>for myself and children</sup> hereby apply for the arrears due me, under act  
granting arrears of pensions, approved January 25, 1879. My post office address is:

Cohort Sturben Co. New York.  
(Here insert the name of the post office, and if the claimant resides in a city, the name and number of the street and residence must also be given.)  
my first payment after receiving certificate was for 6 Mths only.  
Two witnesses

E. H. Wood  
St Henry

Roscy <sup>her</sup> X Wise  
(Name of Claimant.)  
mark

STATE OF New York  
COUNTY OF Sturben } ss.

Signed in my presence, by Roscy Wise  
who is known to me to be the person she describes her self to be, and at the time she exhibited to  
me her pension certificate, which is numbered 58.618

E. H. Wood  
(Magistrate's Signature.)

Justice of the Peace

NOTE.—The pension certificate MUST be exhibited to the Magistrate, but should not be sent to the Pension Office.

*Roxey*

State of New York, }

SS.

STEUBEN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,

I, OSCAR J. AVERELL, Clerk of said County, and of the Courts of Record thereof, do hereby certify that *J. F. Wood* Esq., was, at the date of the Certificate of Proof of the annexed instrument, a *Justice of the Peace* in and for said County, duly authorized and qualified to administer oaths for general purposes; that I am well acquainted with his hand-writing and verily believe that the signature to said Certificate is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Courts this *4* day of *October* 186*5*

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*O. J. Averell* CLERK.





Be Roxey Wise and Eleazer M Bentley of  
the town of Cohocton in the county of Steuben and  
State of New York on oath say that the Rev Post-  
lett Drake the clergyman who solemnized the  
marriage of Benjamin Wise and Roxey Wise  
died on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1855 at the  
town of Almond Allegany county and State  
of New York and that his affidavit of their  
said marriage cannot be got and that  
there is no church or other public record of  
any kind of said marriage and that there  
was never any marriage certificate and  
that there was five children of the said Benjamin  
Wise under the age of sixteen years at the time of  
his death viz: Heathy Wise born on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
June 1853 Jackson Wise born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1855 James Wise born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April  
1858 Mary Wise born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860  
and Nathan Wise was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1849 and that they all reside in the  
town of Cohocton in the county of Steuben & State of New  
York I Eleazer M Bentley have no interest in this  
affidavit

Roxey Wise  
State of New York  
County of Steuben

Eleazer M. Bentley

Personally appeared the above named Roxey Wise  
and Eleazer M Bentley to me well known and  
subscribed and made oath to the foregoing statement  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1865 before me

J. F. Wood  
Justice of the Peace

State of New York

Staten County } On this 18 day of October A.D. 1864  
personally appeared before me Oscar Averell Clerk  
of the county of Staten aforesaid Rosey Wise a  
resident of the town of Coxsack in the county of Staten and  
State of New York aged forty nine years who being first  
duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the  
following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions  
made by the act of Congress approved July 14. 1862 That she is  
the widow of Benjamin Wise who was a private in company  
D commanded by Captain S. A. Walling in the 161 Regiment  
of New York State Vol in the war of 1861 who died in the service  
of the United States while in the line duty at Pleasant  
Hill Va on the 8 day of April 1864 that her  
husband the aforesaid Benjamin Wise died on the  
day above mentioned and that she has remained a  
widow ever since that period. She further declares that  
she was married to the said Benjamin Wise on  
the seventh day of September 1844 at the dwelling  
house of Christopher Cooper in the town of Croton  
in the county of Staten & State of New York and  
that the Rev M Drake a clergyman of the place  
solemnized said marriage and that there is no  
record of my said marriage. She further declares  
that she has not in any manner been engaged in  
or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States  
She also declares that the said Benjamin Wise left  
five children under the age of sixteen years him surviving  
to wit Nathan Wise aged fifteen years Wealthy Wise  
aged eleven years Jackson Wise aged nine years



James Wise aged 54 years and Mary Wise aged  
five years and that her maiden name before her said  
marriage was Roxey Ratzey

Roxey Wise  
Also personally appeared James A. Wilson and  
Charles A. Wise Residents of the town of Cohocton in said  
county of Steuben and State of New York persons whom  
I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who  
being by me duly sworn say that they were present &  
saw Roxey Wise sign her name to the foregoing dec-  
laration and they further swear that they have every  
reason to believe from the appearance of the Applicant  
and their acquaintance with her that she is the  
identical person she represents herself to be and  
that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim

James A. Wilson  
Charles A. Wise

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18  
day of October 1864 and I hereby certify  
that I have no interest direct or indirect  
in the prosecution of this claim

Address

O. J. Averell Clerk

Roxey Wise

Cohocton Steuben County N.Y.

State of New York

County of Steuben

On this 16 day of October 1864 before  
the undersigned a Justice of the Peace duly authorized  
by law to administer oaths within and for said County  
personally appeared Jackson Wise aged 32 years  
and Neatthy Wise aged 70 years Residents of

said county who being both duly sworn depose and say that they are well acquainted with Benjamin Wise late a private in Captain S. B. Walling Company "D" of the 161<sup>st</sup> Regiment of New York State Volunteers in the service of the United States in the War of 1861 and with his widow Roxey Wise who is now making application for a Widows Pension that ever since the death of her said husband the said Roxey Wise has remained a widow and that the said Benjamin Wise died on the 8.<sup>th</sup> day of April 1864 at Pleasant Hill La leaving five children under sixteen years of age him surviving to wit: Nathan Wise aged fifteen years Matthew Wise aged eleven years Jackson Wise aged nine years James Wise aged six years and Mary Wise aged five years and that they were present and saw the said Roxey Wise and Benjamin Wise married that the said marriage was solemnized by the Rev. M. Duke a clergyman at the dwelling house of Christopher Cooper at the town of Dover in the County of Steuben and State of New York on the seventh day of September 1844 and that the maiden name of the said Roxey Wise before her said marriage was Roxey Rarney and that they have no interest whatever in the prosecution of this claim.

Jackson Wise

Matthew Wise

Subscribed & sworn to before me the 16 day of October 1864 & I hereby certify that Jackson Wise and Matthew Wise are credible witnesses & that I have no interest whatever in the prosecution

State of New York,

STEBURN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

} SS

I, OSCAR J. AVERELL, Clerk of said County, and of the Courts of Record thereof, do hereby certify that *J. F. Wood* Esq., was, at the date of the Certificate of Proof of the annexed instrument, a *Justice of the Peace* in and for said County, duly authorized and qualified to administer oaths for general purposes; that I am well acquainted with his hand-writing and verily believe that the signature to said Certificate is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Courts this *20* day of *October* 186 *4*

*O. J. Averell* CLERK.

Ha 25. 161 N.Y. Vols

Apalachicola Fla June 22<sup>d</sup> 1865-

Sir:

I have the honor to Report, that Benjamin  
Wier a private of Co. F. 161 N.Y. Vols, was reported  
Killed in battle at Mansfield, La. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1864.  
He was left on the field of which the enemy had  
possession, so I have no personal knowledge of  
his death or its cause; but from the evidence of  
his comrades believe he died of Gun shot wounds  
as stated above

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

P. K. Stoddard

J. H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Capt. Surg 161 N.Y. Vols.  
In Charge

State of New York. On this the 5. day of March 1867  
Steven County, I came before me William T. Habbell  
a Notary Public in and for the County of Steven State  
appeared duly qualified to administer oath, & Electa  
J. Wise who has sworn says she was with Royce Wise the Widow  
of Benjamin Wise, when she gave birth to Hettie C. on the  
10 June 1853. Rufus J. on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1855. James B. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 1858 &  
Mary C. on the 15. Sep. 1860, that she was with her at each time  
and she further says they are the children of Benjamin in Wise  
Dec. She further says she understands the birth distinctly from  
the fact that Mr. Royce Wise could not write and  
repeatedly talk up the birth of her children which enabled  
her to identify the time and keep fresh in her memory  
on the Births above stated,

Electa Jane Wise

Sworn and Subscribed before me on the date  
above, & I Certify, that Electa Jane Wise is a Credible  
Person, & I further Certify that I have no interest  
direct or indirect in ~~the~~ Royce Wise's application  
for Increase Pension

Wm. T. Habbell

58.618

No 64.8147

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Lacey Wise,  
Steuben Co. N.Y. wid of  
Benjamin Wise.  
Priv. Co. 8. 161 N.Y. Vols.  
died - Pleasant Hill, La.  
April 8. 1864.

Pension Office,

Dec. 30. 1864.

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

Joseph H. Barrett  
for the Com. <sup>Commissioner.</sup>  
April 8. 1864  
Name not in Pension List.

July 20. 60. J. W. M.

Received, Oct 24, 1864.

Claimant  
John H. Bohosten  
N.Y.  
Attorney.

No. 58,618

New York.

Roxey Wise

Widow of Benjamin Wise.

Rank Private

Company "I"

Regiment 161<sup>st</sup> New York Vol.

Canandaigua Agency.

Rate per month, \$ 8.00

Commencing April 8<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Certificate dated Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

and sent to Claimant

Coxsack,

New York

Act 14th July, 1862.

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*E.B. 36*

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Bureau,

*Apr. 28*, 1865.

Respectfully referred to the  
Medical Director, Dept of  
the Gulf.

These papers to be returned  
with report.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

*J. J. [Signature]*  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

Head Qrs, Dist. Dir. West Mississippi  
Office of the Chief Medical Officer  
New Orleans, La. May 17 - 65.

Respy referred to the Surgeon  
in charge of 161 N York Colo. thro  
Medical Director, 13 Army Corps.

This paper to be returned  
with report.

*M. C. Waters,*

*E.B. 311*  
Asst. Surgeon U. S. A.  
for the Chief Medl Officer.

*M. C. Waters, Oct. 16 65.*

Head Quarters 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps  
Office of Medical Director.  
Mobile Ala May 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Respectfully forwarded to  
Surgeon in Charge 161<sup>st</sup>  
New York Colo.  
This paper to be returned  
with report.

*C. B. White*

Surgeon U. S. A.  
Medical Director

*E. B. 36*

*Chas. [Signature]*  
*Exp. [Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*22*

Recd Surg. [Signature]  
Aug 29 65

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Bay Wise

( No. 14. )

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

*Feb. 25, 1865*

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the date and cause of death of *Benjamin Wise* who was a *Private* in Co. *2*, *161* Regiment of *New York* Volunteers, who is reported to have died at *Pleasant Hill, La.* on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 1864, of \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach this Circular to your report, and return the same to this Office

Respectfully, &c.,

*Joseph M. Barrett*

Commissioner.

*69,814*

*Surgeon*

Gen'l U. S. A.

PENS DROPPED.

U. S. Pension Agency,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

APR 13 1900  
S. April 12, 1890.  
Certificate No. 58618  
Class Gen. Law Widow  
Pensioner Roney Wise  
Soldier Benjamin  
Service Priv

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions:

SIR: I have the honor to report that the  
above-named pensioner who was last paid  
at \$ 17. to 4 April, 1890.  
has been dropped because of death.

Date April 10, 1900.

Very respectfully,

C. J. Orr,

Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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Increase  
No. 58, 618

Widow of

Roxey Wise

WIDOW OF

Benjamin Wise

Rank Pri Co. I.

Regt. 161 N. Y. Vol.

Canandaigua Agency.

Rate per Month, \$ 8

~~Balance 8~~

Additional sum of \$2 per Month for each  
of the following children, until arriving at the age  
of 16 years, commencing July 25, 1866, viz:

**DEAD.**

Melley C. 9 June 1869

Rufus J. 28 July 1871

James B. 2 April 1874

Mary C. 9 April 1876

Former payments, to be deducted.

Certificate dated 23<sup>d</sup> April 1867

Sent to Norman B. Smith

Present

Act 14th July, 1862.

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Kennon Clerk.

Arrows under sets  
July 25 & Aug 4-79

Ry.

Apr 1/00 Letter of N. S. Held  
rel to reimb to land, writer reads.

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**DROPPED**

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1900

26 - 11 - 1900

Reimbursement Act Mar. 2, 1895  
Accounting Officer's Certificate  
No. 26817 for \$2.75  
Appropriation 1901 Returned to  
Interior Department for filing  
Oct 10 1900

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 69,814, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Benjamin Wise was enrolled on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1862, at Annapolis, Md. in Co. I, 161<sup>st</sup> Regiment of New York Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Priv<sup>t</sup> on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1862, at Annapolis, Md., in Co. I, 161<sup>st</sup> Regiment of New York Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. I of that Regiment, for the months of March and April, 1864, he is reported killed in action at Sabine Cross Roads La April 8<sup>th</sup> 1864.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Chas. Beck

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda.

Name of applicant,

Address,

A. W. M.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE OF WIDOW'S PENSION.

Supplemental to case in which Certificate No. 58618 was issued Nov 7, 1865.

BRIEF in the case of Roxey Wise, Widow of Benjamin Wise, private Co I, 161<sup>st</sup> Regt NY Vol

Resident of Steuben County, and State of NY  
Post Office address: Cohocton NY

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.  
PROOF EXHIBITED.

Abandonment or adoption. States that the children are living with her

Date of Marriage of Parents. Sept 7 1844.

Names and dates of births or children.	Welthy C.	, born	June 10	1853, who will be 16 years old	June 9	, 1869
	Rufus J.	"	July 29	1855	July 28	, 1871
	James B.	"	Apr 3	1858	Apr 2	, 1874
	Mary C.	"	Apr 10	1860	Apr 9	, 1876
		"		18		, 18
		"		18		, 18
		"		18		, 18
Proof of ages.		"		18		, 18
		"		18		, 18
		"		18		, 18

Affid of Witness present

Only children. Satisfactory

Agent and his P. O. address. Norman B. Smith, present.

Issue certificate for Eight dollars per month, commencing Apr 8, 1864, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing of July, 1864, deducting former payments. 25 day

J. D. Wilson, Examiner.

Passed Apr 12, 1867.

APPROVED: [Signature]